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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2677

KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ

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1. THUS FAR ONLY A HANDFUL OF IRAQI KURDISH REFUGEES HAVE INQUIRED REGARDING POSSIBILITY RESETTLEMENT. NUMBERS MAY INCREASE AS APRIL 1 END OF AMNESTY PERIOD APPROACHES, SINCE MANY REFUGEES BELIEVE THEIR POSITION IN IRAN PRECARIOUS FOLLOWING RECENT IRAN-IRAQI AGREEMENT. BUT WE BELIEVE ONLY EDUCATED KURDS WOULD WANT TO GO TO U.S.--MOST KURDS WILL TRY TO STAY IN IRAN.

2. AS REGARDS KURDISH REFUGEES WHO HAVE INQUIRED AT EMBASSY RE SETTLEMENT IN U.S., A FEW COULD PROBABLY MAKE IT TO ATHENS OR BEIRUT WITH THEIR OWN RESOURCES, PROVIDED IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENT ENABLING THEM TO LEAVE IRAN. IF NUMBERS SEEKING RESETTLEMENT INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY, HOWEVER, THIS WOULD BE IMPRACTICABLE AND WE
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WOULD HOPE INS MAN COULD MAKE PERIODIC VISITS TO IRAN TO PROCESS

CASES HERE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT COULD INQUIRE WHETHER INS AGREEABLE TO 203(A)(7) PROCESSING FOR REFUGEES ARRIVING IN THIRD COUNTRY HAVING INS FACILITY. THIS PROBABLY WOULD REMAIN SMALL NUMBER. IF SUCH ARRANGEMENT FEASIBLE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. COULD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BE GIVEN FOR TRAVEL TO BEIRUT?
- B. WOULD REFUGEES BE GIVEN HOUSING AND SUSTENANCE WHILE CASES PROCESSED?
- C. CAN ESTIMATE BE PROVIDED ON LENGTH OF PROCESSING TIME FOR REFUGEE CASES?
- D. WILL REFUGEES BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO TRAVEL FROM INS PROCESSING CENTER TO U.S.?
- E. ANY OTHER PERTINENT PROCEDURES?

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT IT BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AT UNHCR RE KURDISH REFUGEES.
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